

Department of Permits and Development Management  
111 West Chesapeake Avenue  
Towson, Maryland 21204

In the Matter of

Civil Citation No. 66963

Achi Delphine Ollochi

8020 Gough Street

Respondent

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW  
FINAL ORDER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before the Baltimore County Code Enforcement Hearing Officer on October 7, 2009, for a Hearing on a citation for violations of the Baltimore County Code (BCC) section 13-7-112, 115, 310, 312; 13-4-201 (b)(d), failure to remove all junk, trash and debris, failure to store trash in cans with tight fitting lids on residential property known as 8020 Gough Street, 21224.

On September 8, 2009, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector Buc Thompson issued a Code Enforcement citation. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1<sup>st</sup> class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars).

The Respondent failed to request a Code Enforcement Hearing and/or failed to appear after requesting a Hearing. Baltimore County Code, § 3-6-205(d) provides that in case of failure to request a Code Enforcement Hearing or if the violator (Respondent) fails to appear after requesting a Hearing then the citation and the civil penalty, shall be the Final Order of the Code Official not subject to appeal.

After proper consideration of all the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer finds:

A. A Correction Notice was issued on August 7, 2009 for removal of trash and debris, and proper storage of garbage in cans with lids. This Citation was issued on September 8, 2009.

B. Photographs in the file show cans overflowing with trash and garbage, trash strewn on the ground, and bagged garbage on the ground. This violates prohibitions against the accumulation of junk, trash and debris on residential property, and prohibitions against creation of possible harborage for rats. Garbage must be stored in waterproof cans with tight-fitting lids.

C. Because compliance is the goal of code enforcement, the civil penalty will be reduced if the violations are corrected within the time provided below.

IT IS ORDERED by the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer that a civil penalty be imposed in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the civil penalty will be REDUCED to \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) if the violations are corrected by November 2, 2009.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if not paid within thirty days of billing, the civil penalty as authorized above shall be imposed and placed as a lien upon the property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County inspect the property to determine whether the violations have been corrected.

ORDERED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009.

Signed: ORIGINAL SIGNED  
Margaret Z. Ferguson  
Baltimore County Hearing Officer